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**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

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Dear FCC:

As president of, Strategic Planning and Insurance, Inc., I am writing you to urge you NOT to grant USTelecoms petition. If granted, big corporations in the industry will unfairly put highly needed smaller companies out of business, eliminating competition as well as services big companies do not provide.

I have been with my local ISP, Gorgenet, for both my company and for my home for over 30 years, and their service is nothing short of amazing. As a local company they provide many jobs, and give back to the communities they represent. The bigger companies do not offer the personalized services that we get from our local provider.

My tax dollars have supported the advancement of telecommunications. This petition would support an unjust use of my paid tax dollars.

Please do not end the ability of providers like Gorge Networks to offer an alternative to the

incumbent providers. Gorgenet is on top of their game and they truly care about this community that they serve and live in.

Sincerely,

Joan Chamness